

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An extrudable cementitious formulation comprising

a cementitious material,

~~optional ingredients~~ at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of lime, silica, density modifiers, reinforcing fibres and mixtures thereof, and

0.3-5% by weight of dry solids of cementitious material of viscosity enhancing agent and 0.05-0.5% by weight of dry solid of cementitious material of a sulphonated dispersion agent, wherein the quantity of dispersion agent is sufficient to increase the efficacy of the viscosity enhancing agent during extrusion of said extrudable cementitious formulation.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein dispersion agent is added in a quantity sufficient to maintain extrudability with a reduced dosage of viscosity enhancing agent as compared to a conventional dosage.

15. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein dispersion agent is added in a quantity sufficient to maintain extrudability with a lower grade or lower molecular weight viscosity enhancing agent as compared to a conventional dosage.

16. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein dispersion agent is added in a quantity

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sufficient to improve extrudability for a quantity of viscosity enhancing agent substantially equivalent to a conventional dosage.

17. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is a cellulose ether.

18. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein the viscosity agent is hydroxyl alkyl cellulose, hydroxyl alkyl alkyl cellulose, carboxy alkyl cellulose or alkyl cellulose, or mixtures thereof.

19. (Original) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl propyl methyl cellulose, hydroxyl ethyl methyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyl ethyl cellulose, carboxy methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose and hydroxyl butyl methyl cellulose, or mixtures thereof.

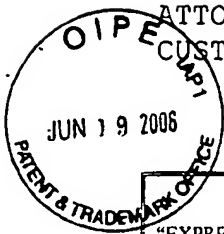
20. (Withdrawn) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein the viscosity enhancing agent is selecting from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, gums include Welan gum, locust bean gum guar gum, sodium alginate, swellable alkali emulsions of acrylic co-polymers, clays or modified clays, polyethylene glycol and acrylic based polymers or mixtures thereof.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) A cementitious formulation as claimed in claim 12 wherein the dispersion agent is sulphonated melamine formaldehyde.

23-51. (Cancelled)

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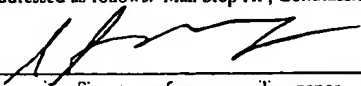
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, made final, mailed February 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 16 of this paper.